

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 312

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A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize Josh Kirbo, 182nd Annual Peters Hollow Egg Fight Champion.

WHEREAS, the Tennessee General Assembly is pleased to specially honor and commend those gifted competitors who, through their magnificent exploits, bring honor to Tennessee and serve as exceptional ambassadors of this State; and

WHEREAS, Josh Kirbo is one such estimable Tennessean who has reached the pinnacle of competition in the egg-fighting arena; and

WHEREAS, he recently defeated all challengers at the 182nd Annual Peters Hollow Egg Fight to stake his claim to this most prestigious Championship; and

WHEREAS, in becoming the ultimate egg fighter, Mr. Kirbo assumed a place of honor in the rich history of a competition that dates back to the presidency of James Monroe; and

WHEREAS, the roots of the Carter County clash are found in a friendly argument from nearly two centuries ago; in 1823, the men of Peters Hollow and those of Rome Hollow quarreled over whose hens laid the eggs with the toughest shells and decided to settle the dispute on the field of battle; and

WHEREAS, since that time, generations of combatants have made the pilgrimage to Stoney Creek each Easter Sunday in an attempt to settle the feud through direct, egg-to-egg battle; and

WHEREAS, on a chilly Sunday afternoon this year, thirty-one adult competitors met in a field behind Norman Peters' home for the 182nd episode of this contest; including the youth divisions, thousands of eggs would be sacrificed in order to determine the answer to the question that was on the mind of every spectator and contestant - whose was the toughest egg to crack?; and

WHEREAS, as one competitor after another watched his or her final, cherished egg prove not to be up to the challenge, Josh Kirbo advanced confidently through the tournament field, powered by incredible shell strength and superb tactical skill; and

WHEREAS, in the championship match, he defeated the defending champion, Joy Harold, to claim his first adult championship; and

WHEREAS, Josh owes much of his success to the incredible egg-fighting heritage of his family and his grandfather, Jerry Peters, a seven-time champion who feeds his chickens special ingredients that promote harder shells and then sorts through many dozens, seeking out the strongest and toughest; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Kirbo achieved supreme success while at all times evidencing the utmost excellence of character, always adhering to the cardinal rule of not using a duck or buzzard egg in this hallowed tournament; and

WHEREAS, Josh's accomplishments are a great source of pride to his illustrious family, and the talent and dedication that made such accomplishments possible surely bode well for his future success in all endeavors; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it wholly appropriate to pause in its deliberations to acknowledge and applaud Mr. Kirbo for his competitive eggscellence and for serving as a fine example of the high quality of Tennessee's citizenry; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor and commend Josh Kirbo, 182nd Annual Peters Hollow Egg Fight Champion, join with his family and friends in celebrating his supreme accomplishments in this often scrambled competition and so many other endeavors, and wish him much continued success and happiness.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.